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Walla Walla Veterans Home**

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

From the Heart

This afternoon was a fun one here at the Walla Walla Veterans Home! Below are a few photos from our pre-Independence-Day celebration. Please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WallaWallaVeteransHome to see more photos and video from today - and from the past several years. On that note, and as we are approaching the July 4th holiday when we celebrate our freedom and all it took (and takes) to maintain that freedom, I'd like to share something from the heart. Several months before we officially opened in June of 2017, we began chronicling and sharing on Facebook the progress and growth of WWVH. Honestly, it's a moving and beautiful story. If you take time to look back through the history that's been shared so far on social media, you'll see of a group (a family) of Veterans, families of Veterans, and dedicated employees who gradually started finding each other and coming together with one core purpose: To "Serve Those Who Served". In the process of joining forces and hearts under this purpose, many of us have discovered deeply meaningful connections and personal development beyond what we ever could've imagined at the beginning. As we dance with the ebb and flow of life, especially through the toughest of years and circumstances, we learn to value and depend on one another more and more. In that light, I want to personally thank you for being part of this fabulous journey we are on together. We couldn't do this without you. In fact, we wouldn't BE here without you.

COVID-19 Update

Over the past two days, since my last letter on 6/29, we have identified a few more positive cases. Here are the current numbers (since 6/11): Six positive residents, two recovered staff, and four current positive staff. The positive residents are doing well and receiving excellent "TLC" while temporarily quarantined in their rooms.

We continue to follow guidance from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

Visitation: All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. And, because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required at all times for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff. AS A REMINDER, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VIDEO ON CURRENT VISITATION RECOMMENDATIONS IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES: https://youtu.be/sRAJE_mal9s

Serving Those Who Served

Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, tested 2X/week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility.

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, and hard copies are mailed to resident representatives who prefer that form of communication. You may also access up to date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting: www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home





